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House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Customs, Tariffs and Reciprocal Trade Agreements (CA-2225) planning visit Japan Dec. 4-6 inclusive on return IPU Conferenc. Other members subcommittee visiting various European capitals Nov. 26-Dec. 13. Purpose both trips informal discussions with foreign government officials private foreign businessmen and private U. S. interest abroad re law and procedures US trade agreements program and related commercial policies (anti-dumping, countervailing duties, Buy American Act, etc.). Believe such discussions useful supplement Washington hearings held Sept. 17-28 at which domestic industry representatives, foreign trade organizations and executive agencies testified.

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Subcommittee seeking full frank discussions with government officials and foreign and US businessmen in order obtain broad diversity views problems being considered by Committee. Business point view definitely desired by Committee and in view tight schedule organized discussion consideration should be given additional opportunity business contacts on social occasions. ~~Formal~~ ~~Formal~~ meetings

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Subcommittee members fully understand Japanese discussions will not repeat not be in nature hearings and stenographic transcript will not repeat not be in order. Assums no repeat no objection staff notes be written up later.

Discuss ~~XXXXX~~ foregoing appropriate foreign officials and inform Department reaction and transmit proposed schedules soonest. Japanese Embassy Washington also being informed today. Press announcement planned Washington October 23.

Use of local currency 19FT561 authorized. Provisions Congressional Travel Handbook applies. Meet and assist. Make hotel reservations/ Itinerary info sent later. Appoint control officer.